

"Smith doubts Russians have atomic bomb"
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Many of the nation's governors appeared ready today to back the administration's arms and economic aid program for western Europe following an appeal by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Commander of the 1st Army and former Ambassador to Russia, Monday night for such a program. General Smith . . . told the governors at their State dinner Monday night that he had no doubt that the Russians have solved the secret of atomic fission but said he does not believe they have produced a successful atomic bomb.

"There is a great deal of difference between exploding an experimental bomb and producing one for actual use" . . .